

# GERMANS GAIN ONE MORE FOOTHOLD IN REGION OF VERDUN

Capture Hill of Haucourt, Just Outside the Village of Malancourt—Elsewhere French Resist Attacks.

## ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN FRONT

Fenton's Claim Success in Northwest, but Czar's Troops Take Trenches and Capture a Town in Persia—No Results on Isonzo.

London, March 22.—Infantry attacks northwest of Verdun, preceded by a vigorous bombardment, have enabled the Germans to enter a foothold on the small hill of Haucourt, just outside the village of Malancourt and between that town and the eastern edge of the Malancourt wood.

The entire sector of about two and a half miles from the Verdun wood to Malancourt has been subjected to a violent artillery bombardment and several German infantry attacks, but except in the immediate vicinity of Malancourt the Germans were held by the French barbed wire and were unable to advance.

Northeast of Verdun, around Douaumont and Vaux, an intense artillery bombardment is still in progress. The infantry forces, however, have remained inactive in this district.

From the west, in the forest of the Argonne, the French are steadily pushing the Malancourt wood, which is in the hands of the Germans, and at various points in the forest have bombarded German organizations, especially at Four de Paris, La Fille Morte and Mont Faucon.

The Russian offensive against the Germans in northwest Russia has increased in intensity, and fighting is in progress day and night. The latest official statement from Russian general headquarters says that desperate fighting is proceeding north of the town of Pustaya, where the Germans launched violent counter attacks in an attempt to dislodge the Russians from trenches which they had previously captured. Respecting this operation the Russian communication says that at this point the Russians delivered their heaviest attack and their losses reached "extraordinarily high figures, even for the number of Russians in action."

The Russians captured three lines of the German trenches on the southwestern slope of Lake Narov, where, it is officially declared, the fighting is developing in favor of the Russian forces. Here the Russians, despite "enormously big losses and a murderous fire," forced three lines of wire entanglements and made their gain in a series of fierce hand-to-hand encounters.

The Russian war office also officially announces the capture of Isonia in Persia after an engagement. An unofficial report received by way of Rome and London says that the Austrians have abandoned Sarnowitz, capital of Bukovina.

Bad weather again has broken over the Austro-Italian front, but it has not put a stop to the violent bombardments. The Austrians have delivered surprise attacks with infantry against Italian positions at various points, but these, according to Rome, have everywhere been repulsed.

## METHODISTS EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR WILSON

Freehold, N. Y., March 22.—A resolution pledging "sympathy, prayer, confidence and loyalty" to President Wilson, "himself a man of prayer who is now under heavy burdens and is confronted by problems of world-wide import," was adopted today at the opening session here of the New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There was considerable "fencing" over the resolution. When it was offered a motion to refer it to the committee on State and Country, headed by Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University, was voted down by a small majority.

There was much discussion of another motion to refer the resolution to a special committee, also headed by Chancellor Day, and it was finally decided to table the resolution. Later in the session it was again taken up and passed in open conference.

## 40,000 Women to March

New York, March 22.—What is expected to be the biggest suffrage parade this country has ever seen is being arranged by the National American Woman Suffrage Association, headquarters 171 Madison avenue, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president. It will be in Chicago June 5, at the time of the republican convention. It is hoped to have 40,000 women in line, some from every state and, if possible, from every congressional district in the country.

A "walks parade" will be held for the benefit of the delegates to the democratic convention, which opens in St. Louis on June 14. Great numbers of women will gather from all parts of the country; they will wear white banners and suffrage slogans, and carry signs, and will stand outside the convention hall to impress the delegates with the great numbers of women who wish the vote.

When a housewife comes to understand that buying for the home is a very important business matter, she quite naturally develops a lively interest in the "suff" side.

# GRAVE APPREHENSION REGARDING OUTCOME OF THE VILLA HUNT

Washington Hears That 2,000 Carranza Troops at Chihuahua under General Herrera Have Revolted and Gone Over to Villa—Feared That Others May Follow Their Example—Deserting Soldiers Are Best Equipped in Northern Mexico—General Rebellion of De Facto Forces Would Place U. S. Expedition in Peril.

Washington, March 22.—Grave apprehensions regarding the outcome of the American expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa was evident for the first time in Washington tonight after receipt by the war department of a dispatch from General Funston saying a report had reached him that 2,000 Carranza troops at Chihuahua under General Luis Herrera had revolted and allied themselves with the bandit chief.

General Funston did not discuss the source of his information, and so far as could be learned, no confirmation had reached the state department of the Mexican embassy. But what the report might be true was not disputed in official circles, however, and tonight developments were awaited with some anxiety.

If Herrera and his troops have joined Villa, some officials believe, other Carranza commanders and troops may quickly follow their example. In such an event the United States and the government of Mexico would find themselves confronted with a situation as serious as that its possibilities hardly could be estimated. A large part of the forces of the de facto government in northern Mexico formerly were Villa soldiers and with their officers, have followed the bandit chieftain to many hard fought victories.

The troops under Herrera are described here as being probably the best equipped in northern Mexico, and they are said to be well supplied with ammunition. Luis Herrera at one time was one of Villa's most active aides, as was his brother, Maclovio, who now is believed to be operating in the State of Coahuila with a considerable force. Rumors concerning the doubtful intentions of the Arrieta brothers, leading a force in Durango, also have tended to increase distrust here.

Rebellion in Carranza's army would render the position of the American expeditionary force so perilous that every available soldier would be rushed in to reinforce the advancing columns. For this purpose not more than 15,000 men would be available without calling out the national guard. There are now on the border or in Mexico about 25,000 soldiers and in the whole of the continental United States, the other mobile forces number only a little more than 100,000.

All reports from the border were sent to the White House tonight and were the subject of a long conference between President Wilson and his cabinet.

# \$55,000 HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN BUILDING AT BRATTLEBORO

Brattleboro, March 22.—The Holstein-Friesian Association of America has accepted the offer of A. H. Clapp to build a modern fireproof building to cost no more than \$55,000 and lease it to the association of 10 per cent of the cost. The property on which the building is to be erected this year Mr. Clapp recently bought of E. B. Stewart of Leavenworth, Mass. It is at the corner of Main and South Main streets. Mr. Clapp wishes to buy the lot on which a horse house stands on South Main street next to the rear of his new property and a special privilege has been called for April 1.

## GETS VERDICT OF \$260.

Buck Real Estate Co. Wins Suit against J. M. Bradley and Barton Bank.

St. Albans, March 22.—The case of the Buck Real Estate company vs. John W. Bradley and the Barton Savings Bank & Trust company went to the jury in Franklin county court shortly after noon today. The jury found for the plaintiff of the services specified, without respect to the contract as claimed by either party, and returned a general verdict for the plaintiff to recover \$260 based upon what they considered the services reasonably worth, without any express contract.

This afternoon at two o'clock the case of Mrs. Lizzie Sullivan, widow of John W. Sullivan, estate vs. the Travelers' Insurance company of Hartford, Conn., was taken up. The case was settled this afternoon and the jury called for tomorrow morning will probably be discharged.

## WAPANACKI TROUT CLUB.

Hardwick Men Incorporate and Will Build Club House.

Monterey, March 22.—The Lake Wapanacki Trout club, Inc., of Hardwick has filed articles of association with the secretary of state, having capital stock of \$5,000 divided into 100 shares. It is the purpose of the club to maintain a fish and game preserve in the town of Wolcott and Hardwick and to erect a club house for members. The incorporators are W. H. Taylor, E. M. Crane, James A. Gallagher, Earl B. Webb, Edmund D. Foster, Charles T. Pierce and Melvin N. Moore, all of Hardwick.

Italy Re-affirms Her Pact with Allies

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# NO DEFINITE NEWS FROM PERSHING'S FORCES IN MEXICO

Plenty of Disquieting Rumors Reach Border, However, as to Censorship Extended to Commercial Wires.

## HERRERA'S BROTHER ARRESTED

100,000 Cartridges Cross into Mexico for Carranza—Street Service at Juarez Stopped—Censorship Extended to News Despatches on Commercial W

Laredo, Tex., March 22.—One hundred thousand cartridges crossed into Mexico last night through this port for the Carranza government, it was announced here today. A squadron of the Third cavalry will leave early tomorrow for Fort Ringgold.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 22.—The second squadron of the Fifth cavalry, stationed here, continued today for the Mexican border.

El Paso, March 22.—Macario Herrera, brother of Luis Herrera, was arrested here tonight by Captain Hall of the city police. Captain Hall said he arrested Herrera after the Mexican had returned from a two-hour conference with General Gaviola at Juarez. He refused to make any further statement in connection with the arrest.

El Paso, March 22.—The street cars between El Paso and Juarez were ordered stopped tonight at 9:20 p. m. An explanation was given by the company for the order.

It was learned later that the street cars had been stopped on the recommendation of the military authorities. The manager of the street car company said that the cars were getting nervous and that he did not care to take any risks, although he knew of no actual trouble.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—Brigadier General Bell, Jr., tonight extended the censorship to news despatches sent over commercial wires out of El Paso, which he said were of an "incendiary character."

General Bell said he did not intend to have information of "insurrections" be given to the public in advance of their execution. The general added he was investigating reports that the Carranza government at Juarez, across the river from El Paso, had deserted to the Villa cause.

San Antonio, Texas, March 22.—General Pershing's headquarters here reported tonight that while there was lacking confirmation he had taken precautionary steps toward meeting any aggression along the border.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—The silence which for two days has enveloped the Mexican situation as far as any definite news of the pursuit of Francisco Villa is concerned gave fresh force today to numerous reports from various sources of grave disaffection among the Carranza troops.

Since yesterday morning General Gaviola at Juarez has claimed that the wires along the Mexican Northwestern railroad between Juarez and Casas Grandes have been cut and that consequently he could give no information in regard to the reported battle at Nacimiento between the Carranza and Villa forces. Americans here, especially refugees from Mexico, are frankly skeptical both as to the reported battle and the cut wires. They point out that several familiar faces used by Mexican officials when they claim to withhold information and that it is strange that the wires to Casas Grandes, a distance of only 120 miles, along a railroad, could not be repaired in two days' time.

Whatever is the real situation in that part of Chihuahua, where Americans, Carranza and Villa followers are operating, the main interest here lies in the railroad situation. Even before the American government requested General Carranza to permit the use of the Mexican railroads for the transportation of supplies, rumors had reached here that General Pershing's columns. These rumors have reached the stage now where they may be classed as definite information.

Arrivals from Columbus today reported that the transportation service across the desert was being badly hampered by a sand storm. There are no roads except those which the American engineers have been able to improvise and these are said to be cut to pieces by the heavy transport wagons.

An American mining man who has lived 25 years in Chihuahua declared today that it would be little less than a miracle if the American army staff was able to send the needed supplies for the men in the field a distance of 30 miles for any period of time.

That General Pershing is fully alive to this situation is evidenced by the elaborate arrangements being made here for using the Mexican Northwestern railroad, and if Carranza grants the needed permission, conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen, most of whom have seen service on the Mexican National railways will be pressed into service. All the engines in the El Paso yards has been inspected and enumerated and exact information been obtained as to how many trains can be counted on with full American crews for each.

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# HAPPENINGS IN VT.; NEWS BY COUNTIES

## ADDISON COUNTY

### MIDDLEBURY.

The remains of Frank H. Piper were brought from Burlington on the noon train Saturday and taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Day, in East Middlebury, where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Piper was taken to the Mary Fletcher hospital a few weeks ago suffering with blood poisoning in his left leg. On Tuesday the leg was amputated above the knee and he died early Saturday morning, at the age of 74 years. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward Day of East Middlebury and Mrs. Henry Day of Rippon, and a son, William Piper of East Middlebury. Mr. Piper was a life-long resident of this town and was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted when 15 years of age in Company C, 5th Vermont.

Volunteers and serving through the entire war. He was well known and had a host of friends who will mourn his sudden end. Mrs. Susan M. Saunders, who has lived with her sister, Mrs. Andrews, on Water street, was stricken with a shock about five o'clock Saturday morning, from which she never recovered, dying about nine o'clock the same forenoon, at the age of 52 years. She was the widow of Benjamin Saunders and is survived by her sister, with whom she lived, and a daughter, Miss Nellie Saunders of Saratoga Lake, N. Y. Miss Annie Sullivan has been visiting her brother, Daniel Sullivan, Mrs. George L. May and sister have returned from Rutland, where they were called by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. Grimes, who is a little better. The Rev. E. R. Day of Brandon delivered the Lenten sermon at St. Mary's Church Sunday evening, after which there was benediction. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eddy of Rutland, former residents, are parents of a son, Leslie Brooks, born yesterday at the Rutland Hotel. Mrs. C. C. DeMar of East Berkshire is in town to visit her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Renfrow. John M. Nash, a former resident, but for a few years of St. Albans, will move here about April 1. He will make his home with Mrs. Nash's mother, Mrs. Septima Smith. Mrs. E. A. Sessions is generally at her home in the south part of the town. Edward Burns of this town has received news of the death of an infant granddaughter, the child of Mrs. Thomas J. Hughes of Providence, R. I. Mrs. Hughes was formerly Miss Maudie Burns of Middlebury. Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Villon and three children of Montreal are visiting in town. Bayley E. Crane has gone to Waterville to spend a few days at his home. J. P. Hoyt has returned from Whiting, where he preached at the Congregational Church. Fred Hobbs has returned from a few days' visit in Whiting. Guy C. Condit has gone to Rutland to visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Condit. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vassau and son who have been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vassau of Seymour street for the past few weeks, have returned to their home in Pittsfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Brough have returned from several days' visit with relatives in Burlington. Monday morning, March 20, again saw a cold snap. The thermometer registered from 2 to 25 cents and butter 25 to 35. The Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. held a well attended meeting at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Weeks Monday evening, J. N. Barnes of Versenon spoke. Miss Florence E. Eddy has gone to Rutland to spend a couple of weeks with her brother, Charles H. Eddy. The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church held an all-day sewing meeting in the vestry of the church Wednesday and at noon a covered dish dinner was served. Allen Cobb has returned from Boston where he has been for two weeks. Mrs. Delbert Brown of Main street, who has been quite ill for a few weeks, is slowly recovering.

The annual meeting of the Addison County Cow Testing association was held Tuesday in the office of County Agent J. E. Carrigan and there was a good attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Harry L. Hunt, after which the secretary read the reports of both the secretary and treasurer. The organization is in a good condition, with a balance in the treasury. The following officers were elected: President, Harry L. Hunt, vice-president, Cassius Seelye; secretary and treasurer, E. L. Wright; auditor, Charles Jewett. The board of directors include the officers and William Entell. New members for 1916 are: William Entell, who has been a member of the Congregational church, held an all-day sewing meeting in the church vestry yesterday and at noon a covered dish dinner was served. The Norton Brothers, who purchased the Benedict grocery store in the Battell block two months ago, are shipping the goods to New York State, where they are to open a store. Miss Ruth Wright, a teacher in the East Rutland school, is spending the spring vacation at her home here. Mrs. Royal R. Bentley of Rutland, a former resident of Middlebury, is visiting friends here. William Taylor has moved to town with his family from Whiting and intends to go into business here. Miss Ruth Wright, who is recovering from a long, severe illness with pneumonia, is so far on toward recovery that she was able to walk at for a while Tuesday. Thomas McCully is confined with an injured foot, a heavy piece of timber falling on it while he was employed at the Green Mountain pulp mill. The toes of the left foot are quite badly crushed. Elmer Wolcott has returned from Burlington after visiting friends for a number of days. L. J. McCallister, who has been here for a short time on a business visit, has returned to Burlington. Miss Gertrude Elmer, who has been visiting at the home of her father, Horace Elmer, for a week, has returned to her school duties in Pottsville. Mrs. Alice Hanchett of Saratoga Lake, N. Y., is at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. Noah Wassell, who has been a patient at the Fanny Allen hospital for a few weeks, has returned greatly improved.

Peter Lavallee of Bridport, whose home was searched some days ago by Deputy Sheriff N. J. Sanford and Chief of Police George N. Cluff of this village, was in Judge Donahue's municipal court today and pleaded guilty to the charge of keeping intoxicating liquor with intent to sell. (Continued on page two)

# DUTCH STEAMERS WERE TORPEDOED BY A DESTROYER

How Germany May Truthfully Deny Presence of Submarines and Mines.

London, March 22.—The sinking of the Dutch liners Tubantia and Palembang is still being given much attention in naval circles. The latest development is in the form of a report from the captain of the Palembang to the admiralty which states that his ship was struck fore and aft by two torpedoes. He also expressed the belief that another torpedo, which failed to explode, hit amidships.

This report is based on statements by the chief officer and boatswain who swore they saw the streak made by both torpedoes. The liner almost stopped when the first warning of trouble came in the form of a low amidships. The examination showed no damage. A moment later the forward bulkhead blew in, and this was followed almost immediately by an explosion aft.

Naval officers here are quoted as stating that in their announcement that an German mine or submarine were at the time none the Dutch coast as the first when the Tubantia went down, as they are convinced she was sunk by a torpedo fired by a German destroyer. They refuse to disclose any evidence which leads to this conclusion, but point out that the Dutch tanker Arctis was torpedoed in the same vicinity by a German torpedo boat. Germany later admitting and apologizing for the act.

## TUBANTIA CARRIED U. S. SECURITIES

English Theory Is That Is Why Germans Torpedoed Vessel.

London, March 22, 3:30 a. m.—One theory as to why Germany might torpedo the Dutch steamer Tubantia, which was sunk several days ago, according to an article on the Times market page is that the Tubantia carried a huge sum in German-owned American securities. The article argues that as the British would have seized these in the channel the only way to realize on them was by sinking the ship. It would then be possible to get duplicates issued in New York.

## SENT TO STATE PRISON.

Eldorado and Wife Consisted of Breaking and Entering Burglar Counter Home.

Middlebury, March 22.—Eldorado Eldorado and his wife, Isabelle Eldorado, who have been confined in the Addison county jail for the past few weeks in default of \$2,000 bail, charged with breaking and entering the home of Hurl Counter and the larceny of some wearing apparel were brought this morning before Judge Hurl Counter. Day of Rippon and sent to the Vermont State Prison. The sentence, Eldorado was given not more than three nor less than two and a half years and his wife not more than two nor less than one and a half years in the State's prison. They will be taken there tomorrow morning.

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Thirty-Five Residence Blocks Are Swept Out of Existence—Six Hundred Houses Destroyed and 3,000 Persons Homeless by Conflagration.

Augusta, Ga., March 22.—Fire caused damage estimated at more than \$2,000,000 in the downtown section of Augusta tonight and at a late hour was eating its way unchecked down Broad street, where the city's principal business houses are located. Ten blocks had been destroyed or were burning and the flames were threatening to spread to residential sections.

There apparently was little hope of saving "Cotton Row," a string of warehouses, where \$5,000,000 worth of cotton was stored. The cotton exchange and the board of trade buildings also were directly in the path of the flames, and among the structures already destroyed or badly damaged were two office buildings, the Masonic Temple, four banks, two telegraph company buildings and the buildings of two daily newspapers.

The fire started in the Dyer office building from a cause not determined and a high wind frustrated efforts to check it. The Dyer building, a five-story \$50,000 structure, was a total loss. Help for the local fire department was called here by special train from Atlanta, Macon and Savannah.

The fire appeared to be burning out at midnight.

Nashville, Tenn., March 22.—A ball of yarn, lighted and thrown by a boy into dry grass in a vacant lot, started a conflagration in Nashville at noon today, which was not under control until late this afternoon. After 35 residence blocks had been swept by the fire, the loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

A wind driving at fifty miles an hour fanned the burning grass into a torrent of flames, which quickly caught a playing field and leaped from building to building until at least five hundred residences had been destroyed, the East Nashville, sub-postoffice burned down, the big Warner public school and several churches reduced to ruins.

Tonight it is estimated that at least 3,000 persons are homeless as a result of the conflagration.

National guardsmen called out by Governor Rice went on duty in the fire zone late this afternoon and will remain there for several days to aid in relief work and prevent looting.

## ROOSEVELT AND HUGHES ARE LOOMING LARGE

Prominent Figures in Political Guessing at Washington.

Washington, March 22.—Hughes and Roosevelt continue the biggest figures in the politicians' guesses about results of the June convention, and there is no satisfaction with the former's declarations about his plans this far made.

No one ventures to say the justice wishes the nomination, but neither does any one dare say he does not wish it. The column from his mouth is because he always has loomed big, and the developments in Europe and in Mexico have not tended to make him look a bit smaller.

The wise men look for a choice between two leading candidates and the host of favorite sons who have been presented for national consideration.

The eastern section of the country is awakening to the strength of Senator Lawrence V. Sherman of Illinois, although for obvious reasons the idea has been encouraged that Senator Sherman's candidacy is merely a local proposition.

Cumulative developments, however, backed up by the investigations of experts who have been stung in the situation in the midday West, indicate that Senator Sherman has as much, if not more, outside support at the present moment than any other candidate with a home State backing. To start with, it is generally understood that Senator Sherman will have the solid delegation from Illinois, the third largest of all when first ballot is rolled at Chicago. The observers from the East have discovered that this formidable support by no means forms his limit when the second choice business is considered.

In a resume today of the situation to date the New York Herald's political expert states that thus far Fairbanks of Indiana and Commerce of Iowa are the only candidates to have delegates instructed for them. He adds that in both these groups of delegates, however, there are men favorable to Sherman and former Senator Burton of Ohio. An accompanying article from a correspondent who has been touring the West, makes specific mention of conditions in Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, where it is found that a strong Sherman sentiment has been developed. Reports reaching Washington indicate that there also is a strong undercurrent of Sherman sentiment in Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Paro, N. D., March 22.—Late returns from yesterday's North Dakota presidential preference primary showed W. S. Senator Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin increasing his lead over Henry D. Estabrook of New York for the republican choice.